Our Lady of the Black Hills

November 28 & 29, 2009, First Sunday of Advent

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks From Fr. Mark

As we approach the season of Advent we also begin a new liturgical year. This year we will be reading from the Gospel of Luke; Year C, for Sunday's and Year II during the weekdays. To continue to build on our learning's from the October Gatherings of Grace, which focused on the Gospel of Luke, here some more on Luke's Gospel.

Luke, who lived in Antioch, wrote his gospel for a Gentile community somewhere between 80 and 85 A.D. The people for whom he wrote never saw Jesus and probably never even knew anyone who did. Consequently, a problem facing the community was maintaining faithful continuity with the teaching and spirit of Jesus. Luke's response to this problem was the post-resurrection story on the road to Emmaus, where the two disciples realized that they had experienced the presence of Jesus after they heard him explain what the Scriptures said and recognized him in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel begins in Galilee from where Jesus sets about preaching and then "sets his face" toward Jerusalem where he will meet suffering and death; the gospel, then, is structured around this resolute journey to Jerusalem. The Acts of the Apostles (considered to be the second part of Luke's gospel) picks up in Jerusalem after Jesus' death and tells of his ascension to heaven and the coming of the Spirit upon the disciples. Filled with this Spirit of the risen Jesus, the disciples go out to preach and live the Good News. Whereas Jesus began his preaching in Galilee and was crucified in Jerusalem, the disciples-filled with the Spirit of Jesus-began their preaching and healing in Jerusalem and went forth from there to the four comers of the world to preach the Good News. Moreover, the preaching of the Good News does not die with the martyrdom of great apostles like Peter and Paul (highlighted in the Acts) but is taken up all over the known world. Now, in our own day, we are also called to continue the preaching of the Good News by the way we live as followers of Jesus, filled with this same Spirit.

Jesus born in a stable and placed in a manger, the shepherds who visited him, the elderly Simeon and Anna who recognized him in the temple, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Widow of Naim: the narratives around these people are among the best known and loved stories in the whole New Testament, and they are stories unique to the Gospel of Luke. Such people as the poor, outcasts, and sinners who figure so prominently in Luke lead us to refer to the third gospel as the gospel of mercy. A few more examples illustrate this further. Whereas in Matthew's gospel Jesus calls us to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48), Luke replaces "perfect" with "merciful" (Luke 6:36). Luke 15 contains three familiar parables of mercy (the lost sheep, lost coin, and Prodigal Son; the last two are unique to Luke) that compare God to those who go out of their way to help the lost. We are called to be compassionate like the rich merchant who forgave a servant who owed him much (but who, in turn, refused to forgive the much smaller debts that fellow servants owed him). Likewise this gospel is also called the gospel of prayer (Jesus often goes off by himself to pray) and of women (because of the prominent role of women in this gospel; for example, the angel appears to Mary). It is precisely these people who play such significant roles that highlight Luke's message: salvation is for all, God cares for the poor, God's care and mercy are wonderfully shown through the life and ministry of Jesus. *(Source: Living the Liturgy: Spirituality, Celebration, Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities. Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN.)*

Fr. Mark

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, November 30
Feast of St. Andrew, apostle
Romans 10:9-18; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; Matthew 4:18-22 (red)
8:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: For Chuck Trimble & Terri Thurston)
4:30 pm: Lumko Group

Tuesday, December 1
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24 (violet)
7:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: For the Repose of Gene Kraft)
10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour
7:00 pm: Boy Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, December 2
Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37 (violet)
8:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.
8:30 am – 6:30 pm Adoration
9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

Thursday, December 3
Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest
First Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 16:15-20, (white)
8:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: For Bishop Elect Paul Etienne – New Bishop of Cheyenne, WY)
10:00 am: Staff Meeting
6:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Potluck
7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus General Meeting

Friday, December 4
Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31 (violet)
No Daily Liturgy
11:15 am: Bishop's Mass and Lunch at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cathedral

Saturday Morning, December 5
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8 (violet)
No Daily Liturgy
9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry
3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations on the Baptism of:

Anakin James Hamm
on November 15th
Mabelle Jane Nielson
&
Layton Robert Starmer
on November 28th

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

We are getting ready to welcome Christ into our hearts.

Children: What things do you do to get ready for a big event or celebration?

Youth: How do you share the Good News of Jesus with others?

Adults: Name one thing you can do to help "prepare the way of the Lord?"

Saturday Evening, December 5
Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9; Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6 (violet)
5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)
6:00 pm: Book Sale

Sunday, December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Baruch 5:1-9; Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6 (violet)
9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For All Souls in Purgatory)
10:00 am: Book Sale & Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
NO Edge & Life Teen Tonight
6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Healing of Don Jensen)
7:00 pm: Book Sale
7:30 pm: Taize' Prayer

Intercessory Prayers
Life and Health Concerns:
Pat Geary, Loretta Grassel, Don Jensen, Sharon Long, George Senn Enola Sorlie, & Logan Vice

Repose:
Lawrence Engelhardt, Don Hickerson, Fr. Dave Orians & Maria Sepulveda

Collection Report
November 21st & 22nd

Loose ..... $ 1337.58
Envelopes..... 1413.00
Votive..... 16.50
Student..... 77.43
Total.....$ 2844.51

Mass Ministry Schedule

Dec. 5 & 6	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Lori Kline		
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher* Kimberly Schacher Tyler Trautman	Caitlin Wilson* Jack Tidemann Sam Tidemann	Kaleah Evans* Austin Evans Rachel McCormick
Precious Body- **Precious Blood**	**John Osnes** John Wang Jacqui Blaha Kathleen Amiotte Joe Deaver	**John Osnes** Ken Van Asma Christine Didriksen Mary Antonsen Dean Antonsen	**John Osnes** Denise McCormick Jim McCormick Lorinda Collings Judy Nelson
Lectors	Steve Colgan Sue Colgan	Kathy Van Asma Michelle Bucholz	Tanya McCaskell Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristans	Craig Thompson Cindy Thompson	Marc Jacobs Brenda Jacobs	Blauvelt Family
Ushers	Reggie Hunt Jayme Hunt	Paul Inman Billie Inman	Kevin Rohrbach Dorothy Tinnell
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

What we call the beginning is often the end
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from.
T.S. Eliot (1888 - 1965)

OLBH Parish News

KC's Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale

The Knights of Columbus will put on one of their delicious pancake breakfasts and bake sale following the 9 am Mass on December 6th. Freewill donations will be accepted. Coffee, juice, pancakes, apple filling, sausage and eggs will be served. Homemade goodies of all kinds will be available at the bake sale. All are invited for a great breakfast and fellowship. See you there!! Proceeds will go to the seminarians we are sponsoring.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is up in the gathering area; if you would like to help make Christmas more joyous for some of the less fortunate in the Piedmont Valley, please pick a tag off the tree. Pick a gift appropriate for the age and gender on the tag, and return your gift to the parish gathering area (**UNWRAPPED**), by December 6th. Also, if you know of a family who may need a little extra help this Christmas, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.

Corner Stone Rescue Mission

15 youth and 5 adults from the Life Teen & Edge program will be going to Corner Stone Rescue Mission on Tuesday, December 29th to serve a meal. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Even though only 20 people will be able to attend, there are still ways the parish can help on this mission.

- Pray for the success of the mission
- Make a fleece blanket. ***Hancock Fabrics in Rapid City has been generous to us in our mission and will give anyone who brings in their OLBH church bulletin a discount, until December 29th. $3.99 for solids and 50% for prints. Please see the managers, Peggy, Lee Ann or Cathy.***
- Donate new socks for men and/or gently used winter coats, hats and mittens.

December 27th the parish will be showing a movie on Blessed Mother Teresa starting at 3:00 pm and we invite everyone to attend and you could even bring some fleece and make a blanket during the movie. Brink a movie snack to share!

Projector for Sale

Mitsubishi XL1U projector for sale. It needs a new bulb. The proceeds from the sale will go to the purchase of a new projector for the parish. For more information or to make an offer, contact Betsy in the parish office at 787-5168.

Women of Faith at Cathedral

Mathew Kelly's recording "Becoming the Best Version of Yourself" (highlighted with PowerPoint) will be presented on Wednesday, December 2 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral's hall (downstairs of the church) as we begin Advent.
Next week... Come join women of the Black Hills area each (or any) Wednesday as we learn more about each other and our priests. Questions? Contact Carol at 716-4479

Jail Ministry Seeks E-Mail Prayer Partners

Does the thought of stepping inside a room filled with inmates send you miles past your comfort zone—and yet, your heart cries softly to find some way to relate to these strangers? Perhaps to help them find a way to experience Christ's mercy? Perhaps to answer His call to come to the aid of the least of our brothers, even to the prisoner? Please consider being a jail ministry prayer partner. Each week, the men and women who attend are given the opportunity to write down their prayer intentions. Great comfort is provided when they learn that these intentions are shared throughout the area parishes. We have created a loving, yet safe, way for you to provide hope to someone who seeks safety for family member, for strength to overcome addiction, for a change in lifestyle, for the courage to know and follow Jesus. Each prayer partner receives an e-mail each week listing the prayers of the men and women we visit at the Pennington County Jail. Your e-mail is never released to the jail or to anyone outside of this prayer group. Your response is up to you…a personal prayer for each one, a rosary for their intentions, or time spent in adoration on their behalf. Whatever your response, the power of prayer is truly the power that makes this ministry work at all! To become a prayer partner with Hope For New Life Jail Ministry, simply e-mail a short note to Joe Konshak at jkonshak@rap.midco.net We hope to hear from you soon!

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- I will raise up for David a just shoot; …he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jeremiah 33:15)
- Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:5)
- May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
- Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Luke 21:34)

Reflection

- Why does Jesus enter history and take on flesh?
- How does Jesus coming into history change your life?
- How do you take on the flesh that is Jesus and become Christ for others?
- When have you done this?

The word of God, as incarnated in Jesus, needs to take on real flesh in our own bodies and lives and be the body of Christ on earth. Like Jesus, our lives must be our message and our lives must speak of and give real flesh to peace, love, holiness, and fidelity. When people look at our lives, what they see there must enable them to trust and give themselves over in trust. The word needs to continue to have flesh in our lives. This is our real mission.[1]

[1] Rolheiser, Ronald, *Secularity and the Gospel, Being Missionaries to Our Children*, Crossroads: New York, 2006, p. 74.

Diocesan News

Adult Catechism Class at ICC

Father Hathaway will begin a series of installments on the life of Our Lady from the book St. Mary the Virgin by Rene-Marie DeLa Broise. This book was highly recommended by St. Kolbe and addresses the history, mind and role of Mary in the Incarnation and Redemption. **The first class will be (11/25)** and will run for about 20 weeks, every Wed. evening from 7 - 8 pm.

The Holy Elders group of Blessed Sacrament

Holy Elders will hold their December meeting as a Christmas Party, on December 3rd starting with Mass at 12:10 pm, followed by a pot luck lunch. All are asked to bring a dish to share. We will decide on a donation of some of our funds. Some of us may be willing to add funds to our available amount. We will play our usual games. Bring a friend & visitors are welcome.

Letting Go for Christmas

Are you feeling sad or angry when you think of the upcoming holidays? Do you want to let go of hurts? Wanting to forgive? Join us Saturday, December 12 from 9:00-3:30 at First Congregational Church, 1200 Clark Street, Rapid City, SD for a retreat on forgiveness. Open to people of all faiths, presented by Catholic Social Services, preregistration is required... Registration fee of $30.00 includes lunch. Some scholarships are available. **Preregistration required by December 3**. Interdenominational. Call Catholic Social Services so we can help you experience the freedom of forgiveness and enjoy the peace of Christmas. 605-348-6086, 800-727-2401 or email: css@rapidnet.com

Bishop's First Friday Mass and Lunch

First Friday Mass and lunch with Bishop Cupich will be held on December 4. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Lunch follows in the church hall and concludes with remarks from Bishop Cupich. The $5 charge for lunch benefits the Rapid City Catholic schools.

Discernment Retreat for Women

Silence, Mass, Confession, Fellowship, Conferences, Spiritual Direction. For women ages 17-35 who desire to grow in their capacity to discern God's activity in their hearts and discover the beautiful vocation dwelling within. Retreat directors will be Fr. Paul Hoesing, Fr. Paul Rutten, Fr. Scott Traynor, and Jessi Kary, AO. Friday, December 4, to Sunday, December 6, at the Broom Tree Retreat Center in Irene, SD. Cost: $100. Registration due Nov. 25. To register or to apply for a scholarship, contact Jessi Kary, AO, at jessica@prosanctity.org or 402-651-3613. For more information, contact Susan Safford, Office of Vocations, ssafford@diorc.org, 605-343-3541.

Blue Army (Our Lady of Fatima) Masses

First Friday Mass will be held on December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral. First Saturday Mass will be held in the chapel at 8:00 a.m. on December 5. For more information, contact Ellen Robertson at 718.9909.

26th Annual Angel Bazaar

Saturday, December 5 from 8 am to 2 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Cathedral Hall
(5th St. and Cathedral Dr., Rapid City, SD)
Call Jane at 605-348-9439 to rent a booth
The Cathedral Life Night and EDGE youth will run the Concession Stand.
Breakfast: Carmel and Cinnamon rolls
Lunch: Chili, Sloppy Joes, Nachos

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS

La Celebraci on de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

Mass begins at noon on Saturday, December 12, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Boulevard, Rapid City. All are invited to attend the bilingual Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Blase Cupich. A potluck meal in the parish hall will follow. Those who are not regular Spanish Mass attendees are asked to bring a dessert to the potluck.

From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

11. "But first we must speak of man's **rights**. Man has the right to live. He has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, **medical care**, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services. In consequence, he has the right to be looked after in the event of ill health; disability stemming from his work; widowhood; old age; enforced unemployment; or whenever through no fault of his own he is deprived of the means of livelihood. (8)"

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Did You Know? - Keeping the Promise to Protect

The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* is a comprehensive set of procedures established by the U.S. Conference of Bishops in 2002 to address allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The *Charter* includes guidelines for dioceses to follow in these matters: making effective responses to allegations of abuse, offering healing to victims, and creating a safe environment for children and young people who participate in church activities. For more information about the *Charter*, go to www.usccb.org/ocyp/charter.shtml. Information about the diocesan Safe Environment program is posted on the diocesan Web site at www.rapidcitydiocese.org.

Advent Prayer Booklet

Advent is coming soon - the first Sunday of Advent is November 29, 2009. The Office of Vocations would like to offer you a resource for your families and individuals - an Advent Wreath Prayer Booklet. This booklet contains a prayer format and prayers for every day of Advent, prayed around the Advent Wreath. As we look forward to the coming of Christ, we pray here that we will follow His call for us, and we pray for all those who are trying to follow Him. Feel free to print and make as many copies as you would like. The booklet is 2 pages (8 ½ x 11) folded. Give these out to anyone who would be interested.
Here's the link to the PDF file: http://www.gods-call.org/Documents/AdventWreath2009.pdf. It is also found on our website: www.Gods-call.org – there is a link on the home page. Check out our website for other great resources throughout the year!